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TASS report carried Soviet press today on Guatemala situation takes note for first time that uprising led by army officers. Insurgents reported in control "large sections eastern part of country including Puerto Barrios and Chikimula".

Conflicting report in November 15 IZVESTIYA stated: "On basis reports from Guatemala," revolt initiated by "workers and revolutionary parties" suppressed.

No effort to date to claim (as in initial coverage Saigon events) that uprising reflects decline US prestige, nor to relate it to Castroism in Latin America.

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